

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are allowed while claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Maison et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,719,860, hereinafter "Maison"). Claim 12 has been specifically amended to more explicitly express its meaning to the reader. In view of the allowance of claim 1, claim 12 has been amended to explicitly include references to the packet data gateway included in the recitation of claim 1.

In particular, claim 12 now recites (emphasis added) "receiving, at a base station from a packet data gateway, a context...and utilizing the context to route the uplink information to a second remote unit, wherein the routing of the information bypasses network elements external to the local network such as the packet data gateway." The applicants submit that Maison does not teach receiving the context from a packet data gateway and then using that context to route information in a manner that bypasses network elements external to the local network such as the packet data gateway itself.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 12, the Examiner cites Maison col. 3, lines 36-55, which reads (emphasis added):

The MC 28 is a standard device that provides control signals to the MSC 24 for managing processing and routing of communication and control data in the base station 20. The MSC 24 is a conventional device including components, not shown, that perform the main switching functions of the base station 20 associated with establishing and managing a communication link between a mobile station and the networks 25.sub.1, 25.sub.2 or 25.sub.3 through the base station 20. A communication link from a mobile station to the base station 20 is established at a particular frequency and enables the transfer of communication data, such as telephone or voice data, between a mobile station and a destination on a public telecommunication network, or between distinct mobile stations. The MSC 24 routes control data signals to the BSS 22 over one of the data channel lines that connect through the ITF 26 for managing the configuration, fault, performance and security application requirements associated with providing wireless service from the base station 20 in accordance with wireless protocol standards.

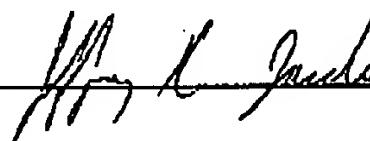
The applicants do not see how this passage in combination with figure 1 teaches or suggests "receiving, at a base station from a packet data gateway, a context...and utilizing the context to route the uplink information to a second remote unit, wherein the

routing of the information bypasses network elements external to the local network such as the packet data gateway," as recited by claim 12.

Since the cited prior art does not teach all of the limitations of base claim 12, the applicants assert that the Examiner has not shown anticipation nor made a prima facie case for obviousness. No remaining grounds for rejection or objection being given, the applicants now respectfully submit that the claims in their present form are patentable over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance. As a result, allowance and issuance of this case is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, if such communication would advance the prosecution of the present application. Lastly, please charge any additional fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502117 -- Motorola, Inc.

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